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## News and Events

### **Additional ERP Vendors Scheduled**

GSU is in process of identifying a vendor to provide an updated Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. Two vendors were recently screened by the university community. GSU is bringing two additional vendors to campus for presentations on April 7 and 8. The presentation format will remain the same.

To satisfy student and stakeholder needs and expectations, the new ERP system will facilitate delivery of efficient, cost-effective, technology-enabled, services. The project will enhance delivery of core services and functions by implementing an integrated and sustainable system that allows us to incorporate best business practices.

The system will affect all university processes – from admissions to registration, from employee hiring to the processing of payrolls, from budget development to expenditure management, from workload assignment to course scheduling, from on campus instruction to online learning, from graduation to alumni relations and fund raising, and more.

All faculty and staff are invited to attend presentations by the vendors, which have been selected through a national RFP process. Each presentation will take place over the course of an entire day and will be broken into shorter sessions addressing the needs of specific functional and service areas.

Because the selection of a new system affects every department within the university, it is extremely important for as many employees as possible to attend the sessions that apply to them and their associated functional or service areas.

Attendees will have the opportunity to complete presentation feedback forms to provide input on this important process. The Vendor Proposals Evaluation Team will take your feedback into consideration when making its final recommendation to the President.

#### **Presentation Schedule**

Wednesday, April 7 – Vendor 3

Hall of Honors

Thursday, April 8 – Vendor 4

Hall of Honors

(The presentation schedule is the same for both vendors.)

8 – 8:30 a.m. Evaluation Committee and Vendor Meeting

8:30 – 9 a.m. General Overview

9 – 9:30 a.m. Recruitment and Admission

9:30 – 10 a.m. Student Records (Catalog and Schedule)

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break  
10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Financial Aid  
11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Student Accounts Receivable  
11:45 a.m. – Noon Question and Answer (Morning Sessions)  
Noon – 12:30 p.m. Evaluation Committee Luncheon  
12:30 – 12:50 p.m. Grants & Grants Management  
12:50 – 1:15 p.m. Institutional Research/Reporting  
1:15 – 1:45 Budget Planning and Controls  
1:45 – 2:15 p.m. Finance Operations & Accounts Payable  
2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Break  
2:30 – 3 p.m. Purchasing/Procurement  
3 – 3:30 p.m. HR & Payroll  
3:30 – 4 p.m. Advancement/Alumni  
4 – 4:15 p.m. Question and Answer (Afternoon Sessions)  
4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Question and Answer (All Sessions)  
4:30 – 5 p.m. Vendor Presentation/Addl. Features/Closing Remarks

## **Tresser to Speak**

The Transformations Lecture Series continues with a presentation by Tom Tresser, community activist and creativity champion on Wednesday, March 31, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Tresser's topic will be *Championing Creativity and Change: Working from the Bottom Up, Outside In*. Tresser is an instructor at DePaul University who believes creativity is America's most precious natural resource. He has a long history of local activism and is the 2010 Green Party candidate for President of the Cook County Board.

The University Honors Program and the College of Arts and Sciences at GSU are sponsors of the lecture. For more information, call 708.534.4578.

## **Blending Courses**

Faculty are now able to take advantage of some of the features of online learning but still maintain the face-to-face student interaction through the development of blended or hybrid courses. Blended courses retain face-to-face contact with students while:

- Reducing the number of commutes to campus for both faculty and students
- Freeing up classroom space
- Offering flexibility for scheduling face-to-face sessions that better fit with students' schedules
- Improving learning outcomes based on research findings that suggest that blended courses achieve better learning outcomes than classes taught only face-to-face.

Learn how to blend the best online features with face-to-face contact to create a dynamic, effective learning experience on Thursday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to noon, in D2438 (ACS Lab Classroom). This course is taught by Jan Engle and Yvette Brown.

To register for this workshop, email [Jan Engle](mailto:Jan.Engle@gsu.edu).

## **Prekindergarten at GSU**

The Family Development Center will hold informational meetings and preschool screenings monthly for admission into prekindergarten programs beginning in Fall 2010. Children ages three, four, and five are eligible for admission into the full and half day, three and five day prekindergarten programs.

Admission is open to all students. Discounted admission is available to qualified students. Screening is required to meet qualification

requirements. Children must be three years old at the time of screening.

Informational meetings and screenings will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., on April 8 and 14, May 12, and June 10. For more information or to make an appointment, call 708.235.7300.

## **Don't Call it Ping Pong**

The university's Table Tennis Club is hosting a public meet and greet on Thursday, April 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5:30 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. They will offer tips on playing table tennis, pose for pictures, and screen a video of championship competition.

GSU Women's Table Tennis team will compete in the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) Championship on April 9 through 11, in Waukesha, Wisconsin.



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